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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 03, 2011 1:56 PM

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Cc: 'Catherine.Nowery@ic.fbi.gov'

Subject: Justin French

Attachments: 2011-04-15 Email to Ebel and VanArsdale.pdf; order to debtor.pdf; 2010-11-16

French DOJ PFS Form.pdf

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Regards,

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## **DECLARATION**

- I, Catherine L. Nowery, make this declaration under penalty of perjury.
- 1. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and have been so employed for 13 years. I was the lead FBI agent on the investigation of Justin Glynn French. I participated in that investigation for over one year. Specifically, I participated in the execution of search warrants for documents, computers and business records related to French's business endeavors. I have also interviewed Justin French on multiple occasions regarding his financial condition and assets.
- 2. As a result of FBI seizures and evidence voluntarily turned over by French, the FBI received more than 160 items. I estimate that approximately 100 of the remaining items consist of banker's boxes of documents. In addition to the paper documents, the FBI imaged the hard drives of multiple computers seized from French or his business entities. The computers themselves were returned and the image copies retained by the FBI. I am not aware of any requests to review any of the seized documents and related materials.
- 3. From the documents I have reviewed and my interviews of French, I know that as of the time of his arrest in August 2010, French had some financial interest in over 136 limited liability companies or corporations. Many of these business entities held title to real property, often a property with which French and his companies were associated with some renovation project. In other instances, the business entities held title to real property which was leased. To date, the Government has forfeited French's membership interest in only four business entities. Thus, there remain numerous entities in which French has some interest, that have not been included in any order of forfeiture.
- 4. I know that French owned a house at 5917 Kensington Avenue in Richmond, VA where his mother-in-law resided until around May 2010. I believe the property was eventually foreclosed on by a lender. No forfeiture was sought for this property.
- 5. I know that French leased a condo in Miami, paying in advance for a one-year lease. The lease ran from around May 2010 to May 2011. French's wife and children, and occasionally French himself, resided at this condo during the lease period. The Government never sought to forfeit the lease on this property.
- 6. From reviewing credit card statements, I know that French made at least six unknown purchases generally described as jewelry, glassware, crystal, clock, silver, and silverware at stores including Tiffany and Company, Cartier and Schwarzschild Jewelry. These items ranged in price from \$1,544 to \$22,148. The FBI never located any of these items, and French was never able to explain the disposition of these items or identify their locations. I know that none of these items were listed in any forfeiture order because they could not be identified or located. I also know that French claimed to have a coins in a safe deposit box. I do not have an inventory

of these coins or their values, but I know they were not listed in any forfeiture order because they were never located and their value was not determined.

- 7. Between August 13, 2010, when French was initially arrested on state charges, and when he reported to the Bureau of Prisons in May 2011, I know that French leased and rented various automobiles. I also know that French was living in a hotel in Henrico County. I do not know the amount of the rent and lease obligations or the source of those payments. However, I believe he had access to income that was not forfeited and allowed him the ability to support minimal living expenses during that time period.
- 8. Finally, I know that French made a number of charitable contributions prior to his arrest in August 2010. These contributions included monetary donations and artwork, and were made to schools and other similar organizations. The Government has not sought to forfeit these items.
- 9. This declaration is not intended to include all the information known by me with respect to French's assets and finances or to identify all of the property not forfeited by the Government to date.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Executed at Richmond, Virginia this /7 day of June, 2011.

Special Agent Catherine L. Nower

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From: Lynn Tavenner [ltavenner@tb-lawfirm.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2011 1:33 PM
To: 'Bill Baldwin'; 'Paula S. Beran Esq.'
Cc: Catherine.Nowery@ic.fbi.gov

**Subject:** RE: Justin French

Receipt acknowledged. Thanks Bill.

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Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2011 10:51 AM

To: Lynn Lewis Tavenner Esq; Paula S. Beran Esq.

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Subject: FW: Justin French

Lynn:

This is the email sent May 3, do not know why it did not arrive; am sending via my comcast account as that may be more reliable than the firm email.

Regards,

Bill

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From: Bill Baldwin [billbaldwin@comcast.net]
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**To:** Lynn Lewis Tavenner Esq (ltavenner@tb-lawfirm.com)

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Subject: JG French

Know that just before his sentencing Justin gave me a Redskins football helmet (it appears to be a real one) signed by Darrell Green. The helmet is autographed in black marker "To Justin My buddy in business. Darrell Green 28 Redskins 20 years."

This helmet was seized by the FBI under their search warrant last summer and was returned a few weeks ago.

This helmet did not mean much to Justin since Green's company (Rostormel Financial Services) sued him and got a judgment.

No clue as to value. Ebay has a D. Green autographed helmet at \$150, <a href="http://cgi.ebay.com/DARRELL-GREEN-AUTOGRAPH-SIGNED-HELMET-COA-TOPPS-HOF-/400124579254">http://cgi.ebay.com/DARRELL-GREEN-AUTOGRAPH-SIGNED-HELMET-COA-TOPPS-HOF-/400124579254</a>, but this has a certificate of authenticity. And it does not have Justin's name (you decide if that is + or - on value).

Anyway, if you want the helmet it is yours. If you want to think about it, lmk.

I will take it home and leave it in my garage unless you want it now.

Sorry, no pix. If you want one I will take and send it.

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Local Bankruptcy Rules, together with a List of Creditors in the format specified by the Clerk's Office pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 5005-1(D)(1)(d) on or before \_\_\_\_\_\_ pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 1007(k).

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The Clerk shall forward a copy of this order to counsel for the petitioning creditor(s), the interim trustee, if any, and the United States Trustee.

Date:	
	United States Bankruptcy Judge

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